

## Kindergarten update 5/05/2020

Dear Families,

We are pleased to share with you the Queensland Government's announcement that Community Kindergartens will return to full operation from next Monday, 11 May.

This is a part of the gradual return to school for all children, with those children in the foundation years among those to return first. This phased approach will begin next Monday with children in Community Kindergartens returning to their usual pattern of attendance, enabling them to make the most of their kindergarten year. Of course, there may be some families who prefer to keep their children at home over the coming weeks. To ensure on-going learning opportunities for these children, our Learn from Home resources will continue to be available until further notice.

As previously advised, each child's enrolment will continue, whether or not they attend kindergarten. Importantly, for the remainder of Term 2, Kindergarten fees will not be charged for 15 hours per week (30 hours per fortnight).

As we begin this return to full operation, we are mindful of ensuring everyone's health and safety. C&K will continue to implement our [Commitments](#) and ask that all families are familiar with our new routines and expectations for health and hygiene.

We also wish to remind families of the following two important steps that you can take to help protect children and staff as we return to an increased number of people in attendance.

### **COVIDSafe app**

You will be aware that the Australian Government has launched the COVIDSafe app. The Government's Department of Health website states that the purpose of the app is to speed up the current manual process of finding people who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19. C&K is suggesting that staff and families consider downloading the app to assist in the tracing process should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19 at one of our centres.

We strongly encourage you to refer to the Department of Health [COVIDSafe app page](#) to read about and understand how the app will work before deciding whether to download it. It is entirely voluntary, and your decision as to whether you download the app. We encourage you to consider all of the information available and your particular circumstances (including, for example, the number of people with whom you have contact) so that you can make an informed decision.

### **Influenza (flu) vaccination reminder**

The Department of Health recommends that anyone entering an early childhood centre as of 1 May 2020, be vaccinated against influenza (flu). For more information, please visit the Queensland Department of Health [2020 Influenza Guidelines](#).

We look forward to welcoming children back to kindergarten from 11 May. If you have any questions, please contact [advice@candk.asn.au](mailto:advice@candk.asn.au).

Take care,

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